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Title: INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE OF OPEN-CLOSED CYCLE AND BINARY FLUID.
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Subject: Petition of acceptance of Delayed Payment of First Maintenance Fee
to Expired Patent to reinstate patent, and determination mounts that I will
have to pay.

September 8, 2008

Honorable Director,

I believe that the Intellectual Property of this invention will have an enormous economic and social value. Because of this, and for security, my presentation to the US PTO was prepared without the professional help of an American Patent Attorney, and with the exclusive help of Argentinian Professors of English.

From the beginning and because of my lack of knowledge of the English language, I misinterpreted some of the rules and policies of the US PTO.

For example, this invention patent was titled as "Motor of Internal Combustion", and classified, primarily, by US PTO as "Motor of Internal Combustion". Later on the US PTO changed it to "Plant of Power of Continuous Combustion" because the Gas Turbine Engine is not classified as a Motor of Internal Combustion.

We have interpreted that the payment of maintenance fees as "Notice" of Final Rulemaking and Patent says:

"If the application for this patent was filed on or after December 12, 1980, maintenance fees due three years and six months, seven years and six months, and eleven years and six months after the dates of this grant, or within a grace period of six months thereafter upon payment of a surcharge as provided by law."...

I understood it as: Due at 3.5 years = \$455", and Surcharge Late payment within 6 months = \$65, but

I interpreted it as "Due at 4 years is \$455 + \$65 = \$520"

The US PTO has an excellent organization and I know that I have received a special treatment for the Patent Application because I am an elderly Argentinian University Professor of limited financial resources.

I would like you to know that this misunderstanding has been unavoidable and unintentional. Besides, I never received an official reminder, so as to realize that another payment was due during this time.

I request from the Honorable Director that you consider that my intention was to pay in time the First Maintenance Fee with surcharge, or not, I'm waiting for your reply with the indications of the amount I should pay.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards



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US Patent No. 6,993,897, Turbotor Engine,
Internal Appearance without Heat Exchangers and Static Accessories.

